

Claims

1. A system for contact services, the system including at least two contact devices, wherein each person who uses at least one of the contact services has an own contact device,

5 characterized in that each contact device belonging to the system comprises:

means for storing at least one profile which describes the person and person's requirements,

a low-powered short-range transmitter for transmitting the person's profile to other persons' contact devices,

a receiver for receiving another persons' profiles from the another persons' contact devices,

means for comparing a profile received with the profile stored in the contact device, and

15 means for signalling when the profiles match.

2. The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the contact device further comprises:

means for showing information in the contact device.

3. The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the contact device further comprises:

means for encrypting and decrypting profiles.

4. The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the contact device further comprises:

means for adjusting matching percent which describes how similar the profiles compared have at least to result in signalling.

5. The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the contact device is adapted to use the Bluetooth technique.

6. The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the low-powered short-range transmitter is able to transmit at most a distance of 10 meters.

7. The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the profiles compared have a standardized form.

8. The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the system further comprises:

35 means for creating profiles.

9. The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the system further comprises a contact server which includes:

a receiver for receiving profiles,

means for storing the profiles received,

5 means for comparing the profiles stored and thus finding matching profiles, and

a transmitter for transmitting matching information.

10 10. The system as described in claim 9, characterized in that the contact device is adapted to receive other information than profiles from the contact server.

11. The system as described in claim 9, characterized in that the system further comprises at least one profile mediator, each of which includes:

a receiver for receiving profiles from contact devices, and

15 a transmitter for transmitting the profiles to the contact server.

12. The system as described in claim 11, characterized in that the profile mediator is adapted to communicate bi-directionally with the contact server.

20 13. The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the system further includes at least one piece of equipment having the contact server's and profile mediator's functions, each said piece of equipment includes:

a receiver for receiving profiles,

means for storing the profiles received,

25 means for comparing the profiles stored and thus finding matching profiles, and

a transmitter for transmitting profiles.